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(54) Title: TREATMENT OF METASTATIC CANCER WITH THE B-SUBUNIT OF SHIGA TOXIN

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to compositions and methods for treating invasive or metastatic cancer, particularly metastatic colon cancer using the B-subunit of shiga toxin. The invention further provides methods of identifying compounds usefully for the treatment of invasive or metastatic cancer, particularly metastatic colon cancer.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	LACASSE, E.C. et al. Shiga-Like Toxin purges Human Lymphoma From Bone Marrow of Severe Combined Immunodeficient Mice. Blood. September 01, 1996, Vol. 88. No. 5, pages 1561-1567, see abstract.	1, 3
X	MARCATO, P. et al. Cloned Shiga Toxin B Sununit Induces Apoptosis in Ramos Burkitt's Lymphoma B cells. Infection and Immunity. March 2002, Vol. 70. No. 3 pages 1279-1286, see abstract.	1, 3

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-3

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-3, drawn to method of preventing, reducing, or inhibiting invasiveness and metastasis by administering the B-subunit of Shiga Toxin.

Group II, claim(s) 13-17, drawn to method of identifying a compound capable of preventing, reducing or inhibiting tumor cells invasiveness and metastasis using cells that produce GB3.

The inventions listed as Groups I-II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Each of the methods of Groups I and II use products that differ structurally and functionally and this lack the same or corresponding special technical feature. The product used in Group I is a polypeptide and the product used in Group II is a cell.

Continuation of B. FIELDS SEARCHED Item 3:

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